



SPECIAL RELEASE

Registered Marriages in the Philippines: 2022

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Explanatory Note

Data on marriages presented in this release were obtained from the timely and late registered marriages at the Office of the City/Municipal Civil Registrars throughout the country and submitted to the Office of the Civil Registrar General through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)-Provincial Statistical Offices (PSOs). The information presented includes marriages that occurred from January to December 2022 based on data files received by the PSA - Civil Registration Service (CRS) from the PSOs and processed as of 31 July 2023. Figures presented herein are not adjusted for under registration. This release includes marriages of Filipinos whose usual residence is abroad and marriages of foreign nationals that occurred in the country during the reference period. Marriages of Filipinos abroad which were reported to the Philippine Foreign Service Posts are presented in a separate report.

Registered marriages increased by 25.9 percent in 2022

In 2022, a total of 449,428 marriages were registered in the country, marking a 25.9 percent increase from the total registered marriages of 356,839 in 2021. Comparing with the number before the pandemic, an increase of 4.0 percent was observed from 2019 to 2022.

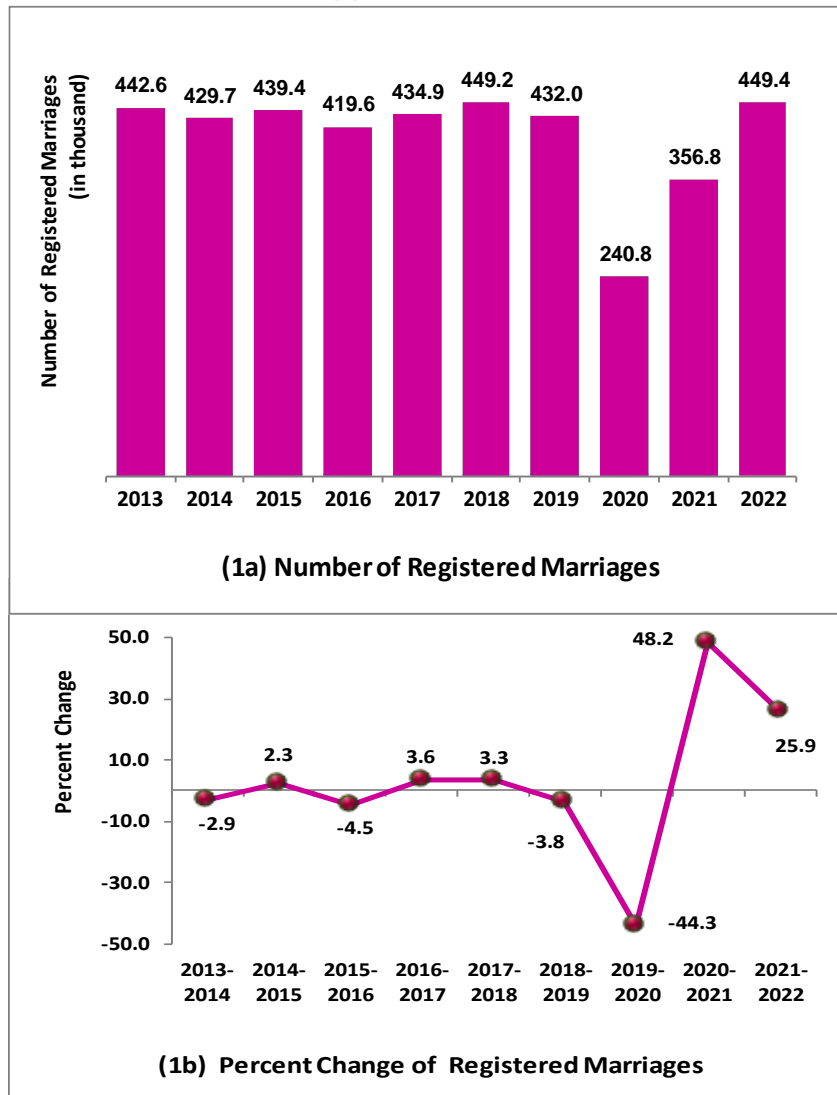
The crude marriage rate (CMR)¹ increased to 4.0 or 4 marriages per thousand population from 3.2 marriages per thousand population in 2021. On the average, a total of 1,231 marriages were solemnized daily. (Figure 1, and Tables 1 and 3)

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¹ Computed using the Updated Population Projections Based on the Results of 2015 POPCEN (<https://psa.gov.ph/content/updated-population-projections-based-results-2015-popcen>)



Figure 1. Number and Percent Change of Registered Marriages, Philippines: 2013-2022



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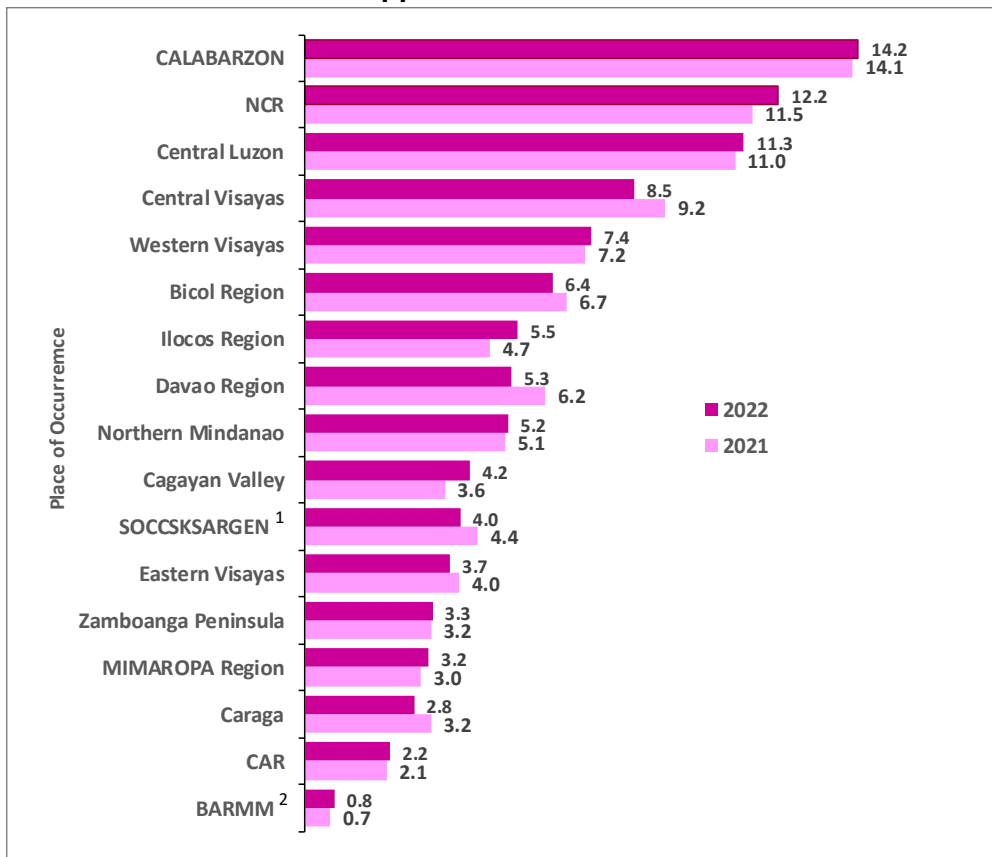
Registered marriages highest in CALABARZON

Among the 17 regions, CALABARZON recorded the highest number of registered marriages with 63,838 or 14.2 percent of the total marriages. Two more regions with relatively large population reported a high number of registered marriages. The National Capital Region (NCR) recorded the second highest number of marriages with 54,629 (12.2% share) followed by Central Luzon with 50,633 (11.3% share). These three regions collectively shared more than one-third (37.6%) of the total registered marriages in the country. The same regions also reported the highest number of registered marriages in 2021.

On the other hand, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) had the lowest number of registered marriages with only 3,432 or 0.8 percent of the total marriages in the country.

Meanwhile, the highest increase in registered marriages was observed in Cagayan Valley with 49.0 percent, from 12,799 in 2021 to 19,073 in 2022, whereas the Davao Region recorded the lowest at 8.4 percent. (Figure 2 and Table 2)

Figure 2. Percent Share of Registered Marriages by Region of Occurrence, Philippines: 2021 and 2022



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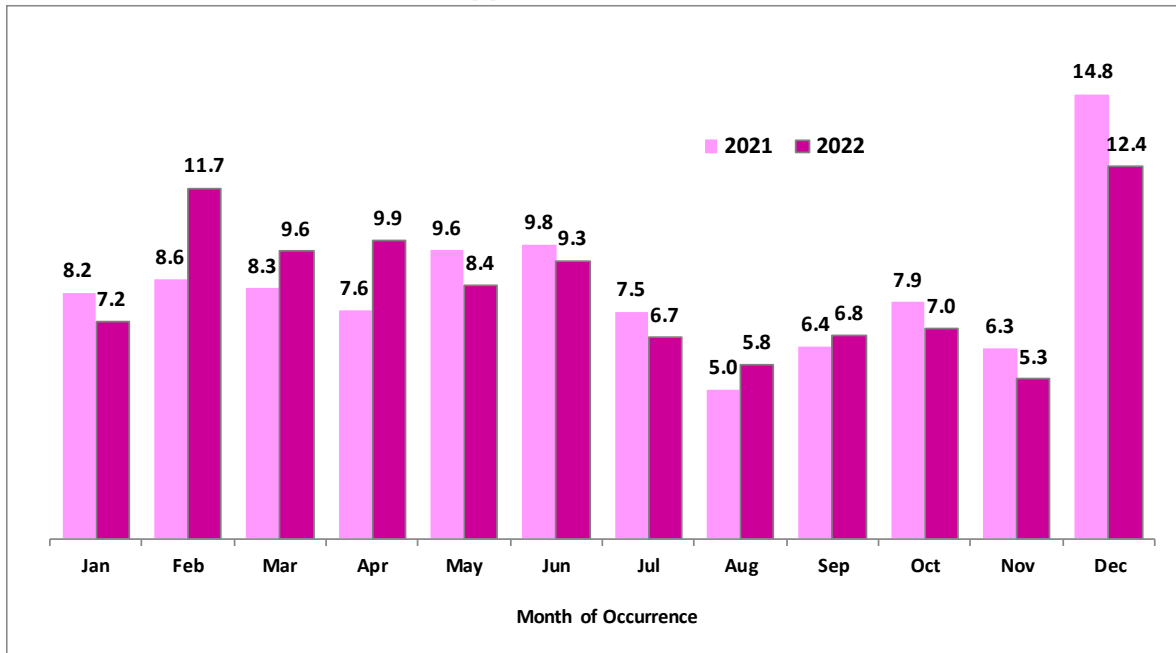
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Most marriages occurred in December

In 2022, December recorded the highest number of registered marriages with 55,599 or 12.4 percent of the total marriages in the country. The month of February ranked second with 52,426 (11.7% share), followed by the month of April with 44,600 (9.9% share). On the other hand, the month of November had the least number of registered marriages with 23,862 (5.3% share).

In terms of daily average, the months of February, December, April, March, and June recorded higher daily average compared to the national average of 1,231 marriages per day. Meanwhile, the month of November had the lowest daily average of 795 marriages per day. (Figure 3 and Table 3)

Figure 3. Percent Share of Registered Marriages by Month of Occurrence, Philippines: 2021 and 2022



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Majority of couples married between ages 25 to 29 years

Of the total number of registered marriages in the country, about one in every five involved males and females were aged 25 to 29 (94,240 or 21.0% share). Around one in three men (159,988 or 35.6% share) married at these ages, and about the same proportion was observed for women (172,530 or 38.4% share). In 2022, the median age of marriage was 28 years old for women and 30 years old for men, which were one year older than last year (29 for males and 27 for females).

The number of men who are over 50 years of age (17,812 or 4.0% share) was twice than the number of women of the same age group (8,606 or 1.9% share). (Figure 4, and Tables 4 and 5)

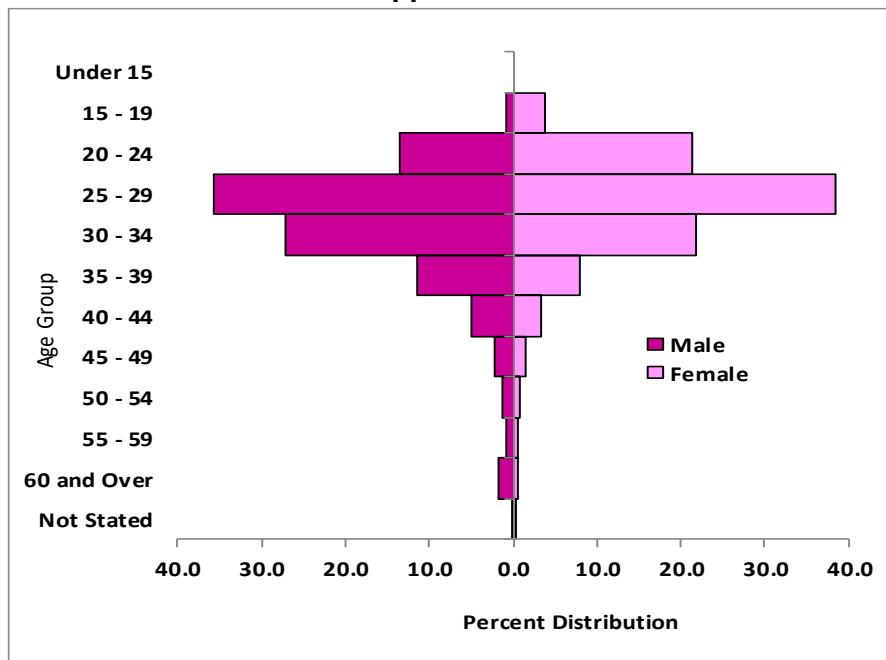
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Marriages involving adolescent females were four times as much as those involving adolescent males

In 2022, a total of 16,809 (3.7% share) marriages involved adolescent females below 20 years old. This is four times than the number of marriages involving adolescent males (4,055 or 0.9% share).

Meanwhile, registered marriages between adolescent males and females account for 2,315 or 0.5 percent of the total marriages in the country. Of the 16,809 adolescent females, 56.2 percent married men ages 20-24 years and 21.5 percent married men ages 25-29 years. (Table 5)

Figure 4. Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Age Group and Sex, Philippines: 2022



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Most intermarriages were between Filipinos and American and Canadian nationals

There were 434,335 registered marriages (96.6% share) between Filipino men and women, while 14,704 marriages (3.3% share) were between Filipinos and foreign nationals. Among intermarriages with foreign nationals, a total of 13,733 Filipino women (93.4% share) married non-Filipino men, while 971 (6.6% share) Filipino men married women of foreign nationals. Another 385 marriages were between both foreign nationals while the remaining four marriages were with incomplete details on the citizenship of either male or female.

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About one in three intermarriages were between Filipinos and American nationals (4,781 or 32.5% share), while marriages involving Filipinos and Canadian nationals accounted for 7.6 percent.

The most number of intermarriages involving Filipino women were with American men (4,499 or 32.8% share), followed by Chinese (1,033 or 7.5% share), British (968 or 7.0% share), Canadian (960 or 7.0% share), and Japanese (732 or 5.3% share).

On the other hand, the highest number of intermarriages involving Filipino men were also with American women (282 or 29.0% share). Other nationalities of women who were married to Filipino men were Canadian (153 or 15.8% share), Japanese (89 or 9.2% share), Chinese (56 or 5.8% share), and Australian (54 or 5.6% share). (Figures 5a and 5b, and Tables 6a and 6b)

Figure 5a. Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages Involving Filipino Females and Non-Filipino Males, by Citizenship of Foreign Male, Philippines: 2022

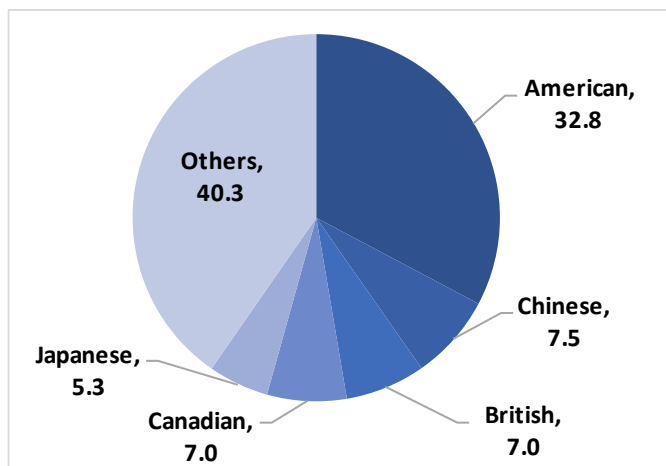
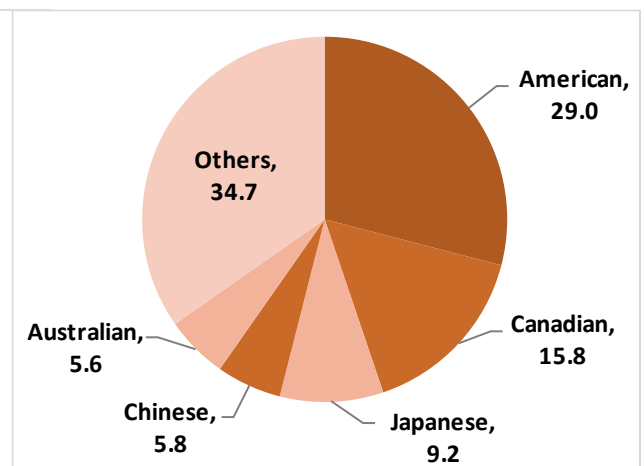


Figure 5b. Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages Involving Filipino Males and Non-Filipino Females, by Citizenship of Foreign Female, Philippines: 2022



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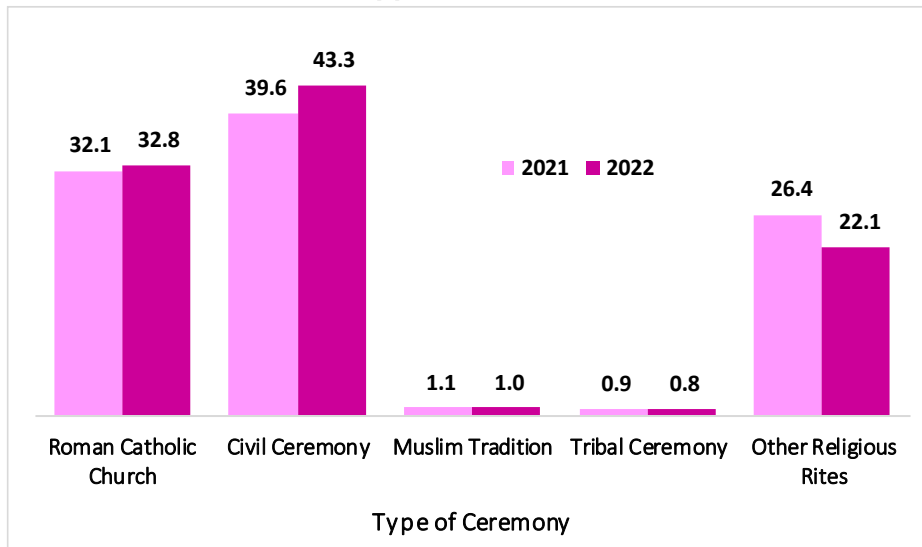
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Couples still preferred to be married in civil ceremony

Of the total registered marriages in 2022, 43.3 percent or 194,427 marriages were contracted through civil ceremony, a 3.7 percentage point increase from 2021 (39.6% share). About one-third (147,537 or 32.8% share) were officiated in Roman Catholic Church, while about one in four (99,279 or 22.1% share) were performed in other religious rites. Marriages solemnized in Muslim traditions accounted for 1.0 percent of the total registered marriages, whereas 0.8 percent were performed in tribal ceremonies. (Figure 6 and Table 7)

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Figure 6. Percent Distribution of Registered Marriages by Type of Ceremony, Philippines: 2021-2022



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Table 1. Number of Registered Marriages, Percent Change, and Crude Marriage Rate (CMR), Philippines: 2013-2022

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number	442,603	429,723	439,424	419,628	434,932	449,169	431,972	240,775	356,839	449,428
Percent Change		-2.9	2.3	-4.5	3.6	3.3	-3.8	-44.3	48.2	25.9
CMR	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.0	2.2	3.2	4.0

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Table 2. Number of Registered Marriages, Percent Share, Percent Change, and Crude Marriage Rate by Region of Occurrence, Philippines: 2021-2022

Place of Occurrence	2022		2021		Percent Change	Crude Marriage Rate
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)		
Total	449,428	100.0	356,839	100.0	25.9	4.0
National Capital Region	54,629	12.2	41,025	11.5	33.2	3.9
Cordillera Administrative Region	9,844	2.2	7,486	2.1	31.5	5.4
Region I - Ilocos Region	24,605	5.5	16,936	4.7	45.3	4.6
Region II - Cagayan Valley	19,073	4.2	12,799	3.6	49.0	5.1
Region III - Central Luzon	50,633	11.3	39,402	11.0	28.5	4.0
Region IVA - CALABARZON	63,838	14.2	50,211	14.1	27.1	3.8
MIMAROPA Region	14,323	3.2	10,643	3.0	34.6	4.4
Region V - Bicol Region	28,595	6.4	23,964	6.7	19.3	4.6
Region VI - Western Visayas	33,079	7.4	25,678	7.2	28.8	4.1
Region VII - Central Visayas	38,008	8.5	32,977	9.2	15.3	4.7
Region VIII - Eastern Visayas	16,741	3.7	14,130	4.0	18.5	3.4
Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula	14,748	3.3	11,544	3.2	27.8	3.8
Region X - Northern Mindanao	23,456	5.2	18,304	5.1	28.1	4.6
Region XI - Davao Region	23,865	5.3	22,012	6.2	8.4	4.4
Region XII - SOCCSKSARGEN ¹	17,956	4.0	15,847	4.4	13.3	3.8
Region XIII - Caraga	12,603	2.8	11,544	3.2	9.2	4.5
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao ²	3,432	0.8	2,337	0.7	46.9	0.7

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Table 3. Number of Registered Marriages, Percent Share, and Daily Average, by Month of Occurrence, Philippines: 2021-2022

Month of Occurrence	Total				Daily Average	
	2022		2021		2022	2021
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)		
Total	449,428	100.0	356,839	100.0	1,231	978
January	32,505	7.2	29,195	8.2	1,049	942
February	52,426	11.7	30,733	8.6	1,872	1,098
March	43,005	9.6	29,659	8.3	1,387	957
April	44,600	9.9	27,165	7.6	1,487	906
May	37,848	8.4	34,246	9.6	1,221	1,105
June	41,598	9.3	34,943	9.8	1,387	1,165
July	30,085	6.7	26,939	7.5	970	869
August	26,029	5.8	17,710	5.0	840	571
September	30,393	6.8	22,836	6.4	1,013	761
October	31,478	7.0	28,038	7.9	1,015	904
November	23,862	5.3	22,587	6.3	795	753
December	55,599	12.4	52,788	14.8	1,794	1,703

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Table 4. Number and Percent Share of Registered Marriages by Age Group and Sex, Philippines: 2021-2022

Age Group	2022				2021			
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)
All Ages	449,428	100.0	449,428	100.0	356,839	100.0	356,839	100.0
Under 15	4	*	31	*	3	*	63	*
15 - 19	4,051	0.9	16,778	3.7	3,496	1.0	15,190	4.3
20 - 24	60,532	13.5	95,569	21.3	56,167	15.7	86,078	24.1
25 - 29	159,988	35.6	172,530	38.4	136,613	38.3	142,617	40.0
30 - 34	122,228	27.2	98,302	21.9	93,782	26.3	71,047	19.9
35 - 39	51,823	11.5	35,933	8.0	35,824	10.0	23,113	6.5
40 - 44	22,747	5.1	14,859	3.3	14,648	4.1	9,048	2.5
45 - 49	10,238	2.3	6,815	1.5	6,342	1.8	4,295	1.2
50 - 54	6,123	1.4	4,027	0.9	3,587	1.0	2,443	0.7
55 - 59	4,211	0.9	2,252	0.5	2,367	0.7	1,381	0.4
60 and over	7,478	1.7	2,327	0.5	4,010	1.1	1,564	0.4
Not Stated	5	*	5	*	-	-	-	-
Median Age	30		28		29		27	

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Table 5. Number and Percent Share of Registered Marriages by Age of Male and Age of Female, Philippines: 2022

Age of Male	All Ages	% to Total	Age of Female											Not Stated
			Under 15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60 and over	
All Ages	449,428	100.0	31	16,778	95,569	172,530	98,302	35,933	14,859	6,815	4,027	2,252	2,327	5
% to Total	100.0		*	3.7	21.3	38.4	21.9	8.0	3.3	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.5	*
Under 15	4	*	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-19	4,051	0.9	8	2,303	1,590	120	20	7	2	1	-	-	-	-
20-24	60,532	13.5	15	9,430	37,659	11,347	1,686	302	68	12	5	5	3	-
25-29	159,988	35.6	5	3,607	41,238	94,240	17,785	2,512	424	118	38	13	5	3
30-34	122,228	27.2	1	959	11,094	51,581	48,872	7,810	1,463	311	87	30	19	1
35-39	51,823	11.5	-	260	2,505	10,711	20,674	13,844	2,974	618	165	46	26	-
40-44	22,747	5.1	-	110	755	2,623	5,748	6,975	4,880	1,170	349	93	44	-
45-49	10,238	2.3	1	38	266	886	1,712	2,279	2,484	1,780	567	147	78	-
50-54	6,123	1.4	-	24	183	437	735	925	1,120	1,222	1,043	295	139	-
55-59	4,211	0.9	-	17	116	241	477	538	590	677	719	579	257	-
60 and over	7,478	1.7	-	27	163	342	593	740	854	905	1,054	1,044	1,756	-
Not Stated	5	*	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1

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Table 6a. Number and Percent Share of Registered Marriages by Citizenship, Philippines: 2022

Citizenship of Male	All Nationalities	% to Total	Citizenship of Female										
			Filipino	American	Chinese	Canadian	Japanese	Vietnamese	Australian	Indian	British	Others	Not Stated
All Nationalities	449,428	100.0	448,071	297	227	158	93	76	60	48	37	360	1
% to Total	100.0		99.7	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.1	*
Filipino	435,307	96.9	434,335	282	56	153	89	9	54	12	36	280	1
American	4,521	1.0	4,499	13	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
Chinese	1,270	0.3	1,033	-	155	-	-	62	1	-	-	19	-
British	972	0.2	968	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Canadian	966	0.2	960	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Japanese	734	0.2	732	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Australian	670	0.1	662	-	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	2	-
Korean	667	0.1	666	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taiwanese	488	0.1	482	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Others	3,830	0.9	3,731	2	8	1	3	3	1	34	-	47	-
Not Stated	3	*	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 6b. Number and Percent Share of Registered Marriages Between Filipinos and Non-Filipinos by Citizenship of Foreign National, Philippines: 2022

Citizenship of Foreign Nationals	Number			Share (%)		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Total	14,704	13,733	971	100.0	100.0	100.0
American	4,781	4,499	282	32.5	32.8	29.0
Canadian	1,113	960	153	7.6	7.0	15.8
Chinese	1,089	1,033	56	7.4	7.5	5.8
British	1,004	968	36	6.8	7.0	3.7
Japanese	821	732	89	5.6	5.3	9.2
Australian	716	662	54	4.9	4.8	5.6
Korean	689	666	23	4.7	4.8	2.4
Taiwanese	510	482	28	3.5	3.5	2.9
Indian	401	389	12	2.7	2.8	1.2
Others	3,580	3,342	238	24.3	24.3	24.5

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Table 7. Number and Percent Share of Registered Marriages by Type of Ceremony, Philippines: 2021-2022

Type of Ceremony	2022		2021	
	Number	Share (%)	Number	Share (%)
Total	449,428	100.0	356,839	100.0
Roman Catholic Church	147,537	32.8	114,660	32.1
Civil Ceremony	194,427	43.3	141,183	39.6
Muslim Tradition	4,608	1.0	3,747	1.1
Tribal Ceremony	3,577	0.8	3,103	0.9
Other Religious Rites	99,279	22.1	94,146	26.4

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